GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE

What do you see when you open your front door? You probably see a road, because the road is the way you get to your house. Zephaniah Kingsley lived on Fort George Island before there were roads and bridges to travel on. How did he travel? The ocean, rivers and waterways were the "roads" in the early nineteenth century.



From documents, we know that Kingsley traveled frequently between Kingsley Plantation and other destinations. This map shows the surrounding waterways, the closest towns and some of the locations of his other properties. You are going to plan some travel routes, past and present, for a traveler such Zephaniah Kingsley. History is often better understood when you know where places in the past can still be found today. Use the map to find the information.

- 1. When you were visiting the plantation, you probably stood in front of the house, looking north at Talbot Island. From this location, which cardinal direction would you travel in to reach the Atlantic Ocean?
- 2. From the main house on the north end of Fort George Island, which waterways would you travel to reach the Drayton Island plantation?
- 3. How many plantations did Zephaniah Kingsley own in Northeast Florida?
- 4. Using a modern map and the one provided, match up the present-day part of town with each of the plantations of Kingsley's time. List a modern-day road or highway that passes near each of the old plantations.
- 5. Write a paragraph explaining why you think Kingsley selected the plantation locations he did, using at least three reasons.